



Utica Rotary Hub

Utica, NY, USA

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This week's speaker brings eye care to Haiti

The featured speaker for our meeting this Thursday, Nov. 6, is Dr. Anshu Chandra, who has worked in Haiti for the last 15 years building and advancing eye care for the poor.

The meeting starts at noon at the Mid-York Library headquarters, 1600 Lincoln Ave., Utica.

The optometrist is working to end disparities in eye care globally by bringing this service to remote areas.

She holds a Doctor of Optometry degree and did her residency at SUNY College of Optometry in New York. She was raised in India and the USA.



Utica Rotarian Bob Dellecese, who passed away last month at the age of 99, is shown rendering a salute during an Independence Day Parade in Utica where he was honored as a World War II veteran. Bob served in the U.S. Navy, and after being discharged, he eventually joined the U.S. Army Reserve and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Photo provided by Joe Caruso. MORE ON PAGE 2.

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Editor Robert Stronach

HOSPICE EVENT

Rotarians are invited to Hospice & Palliative Care's cocktail party, *Sips At Sunset*, Friday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. For more info, go to this link: <https://hospicecareinc.org/upcoming-events/>

EDITOR OUT OF COUNTRY

Bob Stronach is heading to Rome, Italy later this week for two weeks of church-related meetings, so there may be a break in the weekly newsletter until he returns. You may still submit items of interest to news@uticarotaryclub.org

ABOUT BOB DELLECESE

We lost another great Rotarian last month... Bob Dellecese. He was 99 years old.

Here are photos showing his activity in Rotary: serving at Hope House, volunteering at the Boilermaker, bringing in a new member, and attending one of a myriad of Rotary meetings and social functions.

by Joe Caruso

Bob was a proud World War II veteran. Photos show him in the Independence Day parade (page 1), and at the dedication of a memorial at his alma mater, Utica University, honoring the alumni who served (shown with Major General (Ret) Peter and Mrs, Lennon, and with his partner, Rotarian JoAnne Longo).





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It's free to attend, but bring a gift for the auciton. [Register at this link.](#)

Calendar of Events

11/6 Meeting | Dr. Anshu Chandra
noon | Mid-York Library HQ

12/5 Meeting | NY Energy Zone
noon | adjacent to Utica Zoo

11/19 Board Meeting | Board of Directors
noon | Greater Utica Chamber

12/11 Service | 'Not So Silent Night'
6 pm | gift auction at Portofino's